



Docket No.: C010690/0112483

RESPONSE UNDER  
37 CFR 1.116

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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
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EXAMINING GROUP 1641

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : )  
Berend HOUWEN, *et al.* )  
 ) Examiner: Gailene Gabel  
Serial No.: 09/388,899 )  
 ) Art Unit: 1641  
Filed: September 2, 1999 )

For: **METHOD FOR CLASSIFYING AND COUNTING LEUKOCYTES**

December 22, 2003

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING  
AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

**Mail Stop AF**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 21, 2003, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response shortened statutory period for response. A one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response, along with a Notice of Appeal filed concurrently herewith, are filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before December 22, 2003 (as December 21, 2003 is a Sunday). 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.7 and 1.8. Enclosed is a check for the relevant extension fee in the amount of \$110.00. No additional fee is believed to be due. If it is determined that a

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fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

### **AMENDMENT**

In accordance with the revised amendment practice, amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims on pages 3-9 of this Paper. Claims 5, 6 and 15 are hereby canceled without prejudice.